

Excerpts from my field diary (July 2009 onwards)

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When Traditional Knowledge about Cancer treatment will serve the patients in true sense?

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“Please wait sir. If I am not wrong you are the botanist working on medicinal herbs. Please sir. My brother is in very bad condition. He is suffering from Lung cancer and his age is mere 26. He returned back from Mumbai today and waiting for death. Doctors have surrendered. Can you help him sir? Please suggest cancer formulation from your database. Please ----.” I was in evening walk and on way a stranger stopped me and informed about the condition of his brother in one breath. As first reply I decided to say clearly that I am not a medical practitioner and mere a researcher documenting Traditional Knowledge but these words blocked somewhere in my tongue. “Sir, we are using all available alternatives, all pathies and sympathies. My brother is innocent then why death is at our door to take him?” He continued to say. I said that I will visit to see your brother tomorrow morning. Please give your address. But seeing his face I decided to visit immediately with him.

The patient’s condition was serious. I counted the herbs and herbal combinations he was taking at that time. The list completed the figure of sixty. Every one was eager to use his or her drugs for patient at last stage. After getting all details of patient one by one cancer formulations started coming in my mind. After much thinking I stopped at [Cancer formulation no. 8](#) having 55 ingredients. I reached to the past when I gathered information about this formulation from the Healers.

“We have 40 ingredients of this formulation ready. For remaining ingredients we rely on the freshly collected herbs. If you are interested in complete details then keep observing and writing about it.” The Healers said. On that day I stayed with them for eight hours and after returning back added the information in database. It took entire night. After that visit I visited to them up to many years and in every visit I got additional information about this formulation. “It seems that we have reached to the end and from next visit we will start discussing another formulation.” I said it finally but during recent visit they added more information in this formulation.

I returned back to present and found the patient waiting for death. I decided to suggest family members to take the services of Traditional Healers. “I will arrange their visit by my own expenses but you have to follow their instructions seriously. They will not allow the medicines other than their prescription. It is very hard decision you have to take. This treatment is not mere a faith but it is based on traditional knowledge.” I said to the family members. They agreed to proceed but they insisted that instead of Traditional Healers treatment should be done by me. It

was not possible. I took patients cloth and suggest him to keep specific seeds in his fist for some time. I collected the seeds without touching them and with small video of the patient I started to take the Healers.

In general, when I discuss about database having over 35,000 cancer formulations common people imagine that every formulation is enough to cure the cancer in one dose. When I or the Healers suggest specific ways of using cancer formulations the patients ask so many questions. The use of these cancer formulations is not so easy. The Healers suggest its use under their strict supervision. They have specific approach for treatment but based on changing condition of patients they make modifications time to time. How they made modifications and indicators used for it, are the main attraction of my cancer report.

At evening I reached to the Healers. Fortunately they were in village. Cancer patients from different corners of the world were waiting for treatment. The Healers were active from morning without taking food in proper way. “Oudhia ji, every patient requires special attention. Three Healers are required for one patient. Here we five Healers are seeing hundreds of patients daily. These patients are not ready to stay in this village. They want immediate relief. They are ready to give anything in terms of money but they need immediate relief. We are not satisfied with this way of treatment. It is better to save few lives instead of wasting efforts and time for nothing. We require large number of faithful students eager to learn our knowledge. Through these students we can serve the patients in better way. We have many students working with us but most of them are more interested in key formulations. No doubt key formulations are important but they are nothing without other formulations.” The Healers share their pain with me. I have documented their knowledge in original form and this is the reason they want to make me their student. But documentation of vast knowledge and medical practice both are not possible at one time.

The Healers collected seeds from me and spread it on soil. “We have to wait till tomorrow for understanding the trouble of patient.” They said after irrigating the sown seeds. I explained the patient’s condition and informed them that I feel cancer formulation 8 will work in this case. After little discussion they confirmed that this formulation can be used. They requested me to wait at night and next morning after collecting all herbs for formulation we will start for Raipur. Instead of sleeping at night I decided to collect some nocturnal insects from village and surroundings.

Next morning we started well in time and reached near to Raipur. My mobile was active. I received a message. It was sad message. The patient was no more. I was aware that at such stage every second is important but for me it was not possible to arrange every thing in short time.

In Chhattisgarh I am aware of many rich social workers. They request me to invite the Healers to live in capital city so that more patients can be benefited from their knowledge but the Healers want to stay in village near to forest from where they get everything from medicines to life.

The cancer patients are coming every day and even after having immense Traditional Knowledge about cancer treatment in form of over 35,000 formulations, still we are unable to do something for them. Through this writing I would like to request the social workers and planners to think on this aspect seriously and without any delay take action in ground for the benefit of cancer patients around the world.

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